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Claim(s) Nos. have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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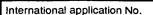
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-13,16-19

signal processing method and apparatus for reproduction procedure management information

2. Claims: 14-15

television broadcast receiver with a moving image memory plane and a still image memory plane

The closest prior art is described in document US-A-5241659; when comparing the subject-matter of independent claims 14 and 15 with the disclosure of said document, it presently appears that the special technical feature which defines a contribution over said prior art document is the memory unit with a moving image memory plane for moving image data and a still image memory plane for still image data. Since said feature is not present in the subject-matter of claims 1-13 and 16-19, the present invention does not meet the requirements of unity of invention.

As a consequence, the following two groups are defined:

1) claims 1-13,16-19: signal processing method and apparatus for reproduction procedure management information

2) television broadcast receiver with a moving image memory plane and a still image memory plane

## Annex to F PCT/ISA/206 COMMUNICATION RESATING TO THE RESULTS OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

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- 1-13,16-19
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Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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